

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 38-41 remain pending in the case. Claims 1 and 4 are amended herein. Claims 2 and 3 are cancelled herein. Claims 42-52 are added herein. No new matter has been added as a result of the claim amendments. Applicant respectfully points out that Claims 38-41 were added in the response to the Office Action Mailed January 13, 2004 and Applicant asserts that these dependent Claims are allowable because of the rational presented herein.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1 and 5 through 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Davis et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,173,750), and further in view of Reynolds et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,547,537). The rejection is moot in view of the claim amendments.

ALLOWABLE MATTER

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 2, 3, and 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claim 2. As such, Claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Claims 4-10 depend from Claim 1

and therefore Claims 1 and 4-10 are in condition for allowance. In addition, Claims 38-41 depend from allowable Claim 1 and Applicant asserts that Claims 38-41 are in condition for allowance. As such, allowance of Claims 1, 4-10, and 38-41 is earnestly solicited.

New Claim 42 includes the limitations of base Claim 1 and allowable Claim 3. As such, Claim 42 is in condition for allowance. Claims 43-52 depend from an allowable Claim 2 and therefore Claims 42-53 are in condition for allowance. As such, allowance of Claims 42-52 is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

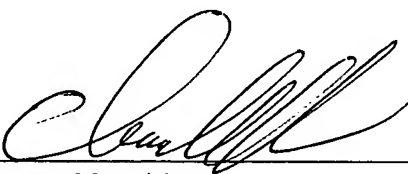
In light of the above listed remarks and claim amendments, all claims are now allowable. Based on the arguments presented above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 4-10, 38-42, and 42-52 overcome the rejections and objections of record and, therefore, allowance of Claims 1, 4-10, 38-42, and 42-52 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have a question regarding the instant response, the Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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